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AGAINST SELF ANTIGENS
USING CTLA-4 BLOCKING
AGENTS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-12.

Please add the following new claims:

13. A method for stimulating an immune response to a self antigen, said method comprising contacting a mammalian T cell with a first immune response stimulating agent and an